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**Testimony of the Judicial Branch
Judiciary Committee Public Hearing
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**H.B. 6734, An Act Concerning the Decriminalization of Possession
of Small Amounts of Psilocybin**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch concerning **H.B. 6734, *An Act Concerning the Decriminalization of Possession of Small Amounts of Psilocybin***.

The Judicial Branch takes no stance on the policies furthered by the bill; however, we have some questions regarding the implementation of the bill.

Section 2 (c) of the bill, lines 19 through 24, states: "Any person who, at separate times, has twice entered a plea of nolo contendere to, or been found guilty after trial of, a violation of subsection (a) of this section shall, upon a subsequent plea of nolo contendere to, or finding of guilty of, a violation of said subsection, be referred for participation in a drug education program at such person's own expense." Is there a penalty for failing to complete the program? It appears the referral to the program would occur after a person either pays the ticket twice or pleads guilty in court. In the situation where the person pays the ticket twice, who would refer them to the drug education program?

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.